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RATES OF FINAL GOODS HIGHER THAN THEIR TARIFF RATES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the simple average and the weighted average of customs duties for basic raw material, intermediary goods, capital and consumer goods;

(b) whether the Government has identified products where the tariff rate on raw materials and final goods are higher than that the price of final goods; (

(c) if so, which are the products; and

(d) if not, the obstacles faced in collecting such data

Answer

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(a) A finished product of a given manufacturer may be an input or intermediatery goods of another manufacturer and, therefore, categorisation of goods as basic raw materials or intermediatery goods is not adopted for the purpose of computing average customs duties. Collection rate in respect of select group of imported goods for the period 1997-98 to 2003-04(Provisional) is given in Annexure.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) In view of (b) does not arise.

Annexure

Sl. No	Commodity Groups	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04 (Prov.)
1.	Food products	16	15	15	31	40	30	19
2.	POL	29	29	23	16	10	11	11
3.	Chemicals	37	34	36	38	29	28	24
4.	Man-made fibres	36	49	64	49	31	31	46
5.	Paper & Newsprint	13	11	9	8	6	7	7
6.	Natural fibres	17	22	24	18	8	10	13
7.	Metals	44	51	55	48	36	36	32
8.	Capital goods	41	42	36	36	28	23	19
9.	Others	15	11	12	12	9	9	8
10.	Non-POL	27	23	22	23	19	17	14
11.	Total	27	23	22	21	16	15	14

*Collection rate is defined as the ratio of realised import revenue (including additional customs duty/ countervailing

duty (CVD) and special additional duty) to the value of imports of a commodity.

S.No.1 includes cereals, pulses, tea, milk and cream, fruits, vegetables, animal fats and sugar.

S.No.3 includes chemical elements, compounds, pharmaceuticals, dyeing and colouring materials, plastic and rubber

S.No.5 includes pulp and waste paper, newsprint, paperboards and manufactures and printed books

S.No.6 includes raw wool and silk

S.No.7 includes iron and steel and non-ferrous metals.

S.No.8 includes non-electronic machinery, project imports and electrical machinery

Source: Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance